

### REMARKS

As a result of the foregoing amendment, all of the claims that were rejected by the Examiner have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 13 has been cancelled and replaced by new Claim 15, which is an independent claim. This, thus avoids the rejection thereof under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 since Claim 15 is in independent form and no longer depends on Claim 12.

It is believed therefore that the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 is not applicable to new Claim 15.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 6-12 and 14 is appreciated. It is also submitted that as a result of the foregoing amendment, Claim 15 is allowable in accordance with the Examiner's statement on page 9 of the Office Action.

All of the claims in the application are now allowable and accordingly, a prompt Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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